



# The Blower

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Newsletter of NEOHIO Region, SCCA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Autocross Event at  
the IX Center  
July 30**

**Milk Run Rally  
July 29th**

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## **The Starting Line REport by Dave Lancaster**

The Big Dog's Last Bark Divisional Club Race was another successful and fun event run by our team at NEOHIO. The ceremony in honor of Bob Nick was very touching and I want to thank all those that were involved. Brenda, Drew and the Nick family and friends were able to have a great celebration of life at Bob's "happy place," Nelson Ledges Road Course.

As for the racing, we had some very good races throughout the two day event and the weather was great. We did have a little lower than expected car count and attempted to make up for it by inserting a Track Event Run group. I still think this was a great idea, we just implemented it too late to have any financial impact.

Here are some of the positives:

1. We were worried about flaggers, and we ended up with enough and on Sunday had two or more flaggers at each station. Thanks to all of those that stepped up! I saw some new faces, a board member, and two of our Saturday competitors come back on Sunday to flag.
2. NEOHIO Region Drivers came out to support this event! We had 29 NEOHIO members compete. It was great to see the amount of support for the NEOHIO region and the local track.
3. We had two members step up and make an extra contribution to our workers. I would like to recognize Bill Hornack and Al Gaudino whose gifts were given to workers at the Saturday evening party.
4. The race was supported by some of our neighboring regions with multiple workers from Mahoning Valley, Steel Cities and the Misery Bay Region. We did have plenty of other help from other regions, but these were the main three.
5. We had some great sponsors provide gifts and money to help lower some of the regions cost. This year we had Carbotech Performance Brakes as our headline sponsor with additional financial support from Lake Erie Graphics, Alliance Autosport, Summit Racing and Nelson Ledges Road Course.

The only negative was that the car count was low at 63 entrants. We need to get a better understanding on how to increase participation outside of the local club racer. If you have a suggestion, please reach out to me or any of the Board of Trustee members. We need to figure out how to get more entries from Michigan, Southern Ohio, and the Western New York areas.

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### Monthly Meetings

NEOHIO Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Any exceptions will be published in the Blower.

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the private room at Winking Lizard, 25200 Miles Road, Bedford Heights, OH 44146. Members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Membership meeting dates and times are shown in the **Blower**.

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## NEOHIO Region, SCCA Inc. Calendar of Events

July 30	Milk Run Rally	
July 30	Autocross at IX Center	
August 20	Autocross at IX Center	
September 18	Autocross at IX Center	
October 8-9	NEOHIO Time Trial at NLRC	

CCPL	Lake County Captains Parking Lot, Eastlake, OH
GCF	Geauga County Fairgrounds, Burton, OH
NLRC	Nelson Ledges Road Course, Garrettsville, OH
TBD	To Be Decided



### NEOHIO REGION MILK RUN RALLY UPDATE

The Milk Run Rally was originally scheduled to be held in May but was postponed due to road flooding. The rally will be held on **Saturday, July 30th**. Registration is open on MSR and you can contact Greg Lester: [rallychair@neohioscca.com](mailto:rallychair@neohioscca.com)

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In other news, July 29<sup>th</sup> will be a big day for the NEOHIO Region. Hot off the press, Brandon Anderson has secured the IX Center for three Autocross Events in 2022. I am so excited to see this and proud of our Solo Chair, Brandon, for taking the lead and securing a contract with the IX Center. We also have two great sponsors that immediately jumped in to help which include Rad Air Complete Autocar and Boss Pro Karting. Both vendors see the benefit of their companies partnering with the NEOHIO Region with this new Solo site. The future looks bright for the NEOHIO Solo team.

The Milk Run Road Rally is also rescheduled for that day. Our Road Rally program has been stirring up some activity with the local car club and it is great to see more participation in this program.

As you can see, your NEOHIO Board and Program Chairs and teams have been hard at work. Please recognize them at the next event and thank them for all they do for us. These members spend countless hours planning and working our events so we can to go out and drive our cars.

I hope to see all of you at a NEOHIO Event soon!



**THANK YOU Carbotech Brakes!**  
**Longtime supporter of NEOHIO Region and a major sponsor of our July event at Nelson Ledges!**

**NEOHIO Region, SCCA**  
**Board Meeting Minutes June 7, 2022**

**Members Present:**

Taylor Allen (Trustee '22)	Brandon Anderson (Trustee '22)
Betsy McIntyre (Trustee '22)	Brenda Nick (Trustee '23)
Daniel Griewisch (Trustee '24)	Pat Prill (Trustee '24)
Kurt Stevens (Trustee '24)	Dave Lancaster (R.E.)
Joe Blaha (Treas.)	Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.)      Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

**Members Excused:** Bill Crowe (Trustee '23), Bill Moore (Trustee '23), & Bob MacDonald (Asst. R.E.)

**Guests:** Greg Lester, Jennifer Dietz, and Duane Harrington.

**Call to Order:** The Zoom meeting was called to order by R.E. Dave Lancaster at 7:32pm.

**Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the May 3, 2022 Zoom meeting were emailed to the Board by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Kurt Stevens, seconded by Taylor Allen, and approved without objection.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Blaha emailed his June Treasurer's Report to the Board and reported the following: Taxes were due May 15, 2022, our accounting firm asked for and received an extension. Dave Lancaster is to send in a reimbursement request for the region's expenses for the Enduro. A motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report was made by Ray Glover, seconded by Betsy McIntyre, and approved without objection.

**Membership:** Tara Oram reported the following:

There are currently 630 members.      13 are lapsing.      17 new.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

**Regional Executive Report:** Dave Lancaster reported the following:

30 entries have already been received for the Track Night in America.  
There were rave reviews for the Neohio team on the Enduro.  
Next year's Enduro will also be on the third weekend in May next year.  
Our Divisional is coming up in about a month.

**Solo:** Brandon Anderson reported the following:

He has been in contact with a new facility for solo events.  
Still waiting to hear from Eastlake about holding the trial event to test the effects on the new lot (not any earlier than August?).  
He is holding off on paying Pronto until we need it.

**Road Rally:** Greg Lester reported the following:

The new date for the Milk Run Rally is July 30, 2022.

**Time Trial:** Betsy McIntyre reported the following:

Getting started soon on planning for the October 8 & 9, 2022 event.  
She needs more administrative assistance during the event.

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## Meeting Minutes continued

Needs dedicated driver coaches (ones not running in the event).

Pitt Race is having a Time Trial this weekend on the short course.

Brenda Nick noted that transponders are lined up for the October event.

**Rally Cross:** Dave Lancaster reported the following:

Possible event on the infield at Nelson Ledges.

**Club Racing:** Dave Lancaster reported the following regarding the July Divisional:

All Specialties are filled.

The Sanction is in place.

Registration is open.

Lots of fun things are planned including a Saturday party and Bob Nick memorial.

**Social Media/Website:** Jennifer Dietz reported the following:

Josh is at work on updating the website.

Brandon Anderson to talk to Josh about displaying Solo results as it currently uses an outdated plug-in.

**Street Survival:** Dave Lancaster reported the following:

Bob MacDonald and Bryan Hall are asking for a \$1,000.00 budget even though they do not have a venue yet. Brandon Anderson moved to approve a \$1,000.00 budget for Street Survival, seconded by Daniel Griewisch, and approved without objection.

**Old Business:**

Joe Blaha reported that the use of the region's credit card worked well for Pat Prill and the Enduro.

Joe is to report the expenses to the Board as they occur and when they are paid.

**New Business:**

Duane Harrington asked who controls the *Blower* email list and how to get it updated as some changes are not getting applied?

It was noted that Tara Oram and Jason Pokines used to do it and Jason still sends out the *Blower*.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Ray Glover, seconded by Pat Prill, meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Next Meeting to be 7:30pm July 5, 2022 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Glover,

Recording Secretary



## SCCA Members get 10% Off!

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**Congratulations to our NEOHIO drivers that brought home quite a bit of the hardware this weekend at the Big Dog's Last Bark race.**

**Approximately half of the entries were NEOHIO drivers.**

James Libecco - SRF3 - 1st both days

Daniel Koplow - SRF3 - 4th & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bill Hornack - SRF - 1st both days

Tex Melotti - STL - 1<sup>st</sup>

Al Gaudino - GT1 - 1st both days

Nicholas Boyeas - ITA - 5th & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bob Roberts - IT7 - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Allen Franzolino - P2 - 1st both days and new track records

Robert Kucera - SM - 1st both days

Bob Kucera - SM - 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup>

Matthew Bican - SM - 5th & 6<sup>th</sup>

Gordon (Chip) Kunkler - SM - 9th & 8<sup>th</sup>

Stephen Jacko - ITC - 1st both days

Justin Ingram-Paci - ITC - 6<sup>th</sup>

Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 3rd & 5th

Lee Spuhler - SRF3 - 6th both days

Eric Fiest - STU - 1st both days

John McFarland - GTA - 1st

Bill Pristas - GT1 - 2nd both days

Bill Snow - ITA - 8th & 6th

James Libecco - FE2 - 1st

Chase McIntyre - SM - 2nd & 3rd

Bob MacDonald - SM - 4th & 5th

Ray Huang - SM - 7th

Rick Kozak - LC - 1st

Matthew Jacko - ITC - 5th

Jon Schneider - ITC - 7th & 5th





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## Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for July 2022

I thought June was going to allow me to take a breath.....but I was mistaken. Yes, I had fewer events to attend in person but there were several more Zoom meetings, EVAC emails to write, etc., so I was still pretty busy this past month.

Next month I will be driving to Kansas City for the BoD meeting on 7/29, 7/30. While there, I will also be sitting in on the CRB meeting on 7/28.

### Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (6/7): Much discussion was had about a new initiative called "Green to Checker" or G2C. A myriad of decisions and policies over the years have led to poor performance on track during Club Racing events. There are just too many sessions that are stopped by a black flag all (BFA) or under full course yellow (FCY) due to an incident on track. G2C will try to change the course away from the trend of too many BFAs and FCYs which diminishes the race experience for all involved. This policy is in the planning phase and I will report the results when the protocols are adopted. While this was discussed by the CRB, rest assured this has also been discussed at the BoD level as well. Changes are coming once we figure out the most effective way to alter the course of the program. More work was done on the face-to-face meeting to be held in July (7/28). The results of CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (6/8): We had guests for part of the meeting (Chris Robbins and Abby Scher) as we discussed how to train and educate the SCCA membership on how to interact with EVs when they participate at events. We tied up some loose ends on the 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration of the SCREV. We are also nearly finished with a package for Production cars and are continuing work on a package for formula cars.

BSpec Advisory Committee (6/14): The BSAC group had some solid suggestions for how to modify our ESPEC rules package.

Touring Advisory Committee (6/20): The TAC folks had some sage advice for me on the ESPEC rules as well.

SCCA BoD Team Development (6/22): Those of us new to the BoD were asked to take a Myers Briggs Type Indicator Test. That was done online a couple of weeks ago. The results were revealed during a two hour Zoom call. I had never done this type of personality analysis before. All of this was done to allow the BoD work better together and be a more effective governing body.

Board of Directors (BoD) (6/27): We had a light agenda since we are meeting face to face next month. We discussed the compensation for the President (Mike Cobb). I gave an EVAC update. We did more planning for our meeting in Kansas City next month. We also received an update on the Haynes lawsuit.

Production Advisory Committee (6/28): Once again, a sub committee of the CRB provided some valuable insight on how we should modify the ESPEC rules package.

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SCCA Events:

FSAE @ MIS (6/15-6/17): Man oh man! What a great time I had at this event. To see so many college kids working together was truly uplifting. There were teams representing schools from all over the country as well as several more from Canada. As Chair of the EVAC, my goal was to see how the EVs were designed and built. To that end, I hung out in the EV inspection area. This allowed me to watch the inspectors go through the EV cars with a fine tooth comb. Watching them helped me understand how the EVs were wired. I was especially interested in the safety features of the EVs. We are adopting some of these key safety features in our prototype and formula car rules packages.

WMR SCCA Double Regional @ Grattan Raceway (6/18, 6/19): This event was fun to attend as it brought me back to my roots. I started out as an F&C guy way back when and that's what I did this weekend. I had the pleasure of working with a new member too. It was another chance for me to "pay it forward" so the next generation of SCCA member gets the advice and counsel that I did when I joined.

I have updated my calendar on the GLDiv website with events I'd like to go to this season. Click [here](#) to see where I'll be this summer.

Be sure and visit the [GLDiv website](#) for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

The various national schedules for 2022 are starting to coalesce and they can be found here: [Pro Solo/National Tour](#), [Time Trials National Tour](#), [Hoosier Super Tour](#), [Enduro](#).

Please take a few minutes and make sure your contact information is accurate in the SCCA database. It's important to have the correct information there so the club knows how to contact you. Log in to your [my.scca.com](http://my.scca.com) page and check.

As I mentioned previously, there is a new path to getting your annual waiver. You can now get it through the Member Account Portal (MAP). Follow this [link](#) to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program [here](#). I've done it and it only takes a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

Just a quick reminder, if any region out there wants to have an "Ask the Director" session during your monthly meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can schedule a visit. I retired last summer so have plenty of free time and would thoroughly enjoy the chance to visit with your members.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

*Dayle Frame*



## Great Lakes Division Schedule for 2022

Regional Races – Eligible for 2022 Divisional Championship			
July 30 & 31	Mid-Ohio	Cincy	Double Regional
Sept 3 & 4	Mid-Ohio	OVR	Double Regional
Regional Races – Eligible for 2023 Divisional Championship			
Oct 15 & 16	Mid-Ohio	OVR*	Double Regional
Majors Races – Not Included in Divisional Championship			
June 11 & 12	Mid-Ohio	OVR	Majors
July 23 & 24	GingerMan	Detroit-South Bend	Majors
Aug 20 & 21	Grattan	WMR	Majors

Divisional championship requires a minimum of five (5) starts at a minimum of two (2) different tracks. The points from the best seven (7) finishes count. The October 15/16 event does not qualify for the 2022 Divisional Championship. Majors races do not qualify for Divisional championship points or Divisional path to Runoffs.

All Double Regional races are included in the various paths to the Runoffs. *Races eligible for 2022 qualification are the October 2021 event thru the September 2022 event.* The October 2022 event counts for the 2023 Runoffs and the 2023 Divisional Championship.

Please consult the GCR for other paths to the Runoffs. Consult Fast Track and SCCA bulletins for updates and changes due to the COVID 19 Pandemic protocols.

FOR A COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE GLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES GO TO [NEOHIOSCCA.COM](http://NEOHIOSCCA.COM).

\*The October (10/15-16/2022) event does not qualify for the 2022 Divisional championship Majors races do not qualify for *Divisional* championship points or *Divisional* path to runoffs.

Please note, schedule is subject to change.



### **NAME THE DRIVER CONTEST**

**The driver is Bruce Wolf, aka Buzz-Thru-Coffee.**

**A friend of all SCCA workers as he gives all credentialed workers free morning coffee. Look for him at Pro Races and the SCCA Runoffs.**

### **ANNUAL TECH INSPECTIONS**

NEOHIO will not be having an Annual Tech Inspection day in 2022. Anyone that needs an Annual Inspection for SCCA Competition Racing should contact Maurice LaFond at 440-946-2207 to set up an appointment. Please make sure that you make arrangements more than two weeks in advance of your first event.



**NEOHIO Region would like to extend our thanks to Summit Racing Equipment for their longstanding support of NEOHIO Region and motorsports activities in our area! Please show your support by being a customer of our home-grown speed shop.**



## 2022 Great Lakes Division SOLO Series

June 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Indianapolis Region      2 day, 2 events Grissom Aeroplex    Peru, IN
June 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	Southern West Virginia Region    2 day, 2 events WVU-Parkersburg      Parkersburg, WV
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Northwestern Ohio Region Toledo Express Airport    Swanton, OH
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Wayne Region      2 day, 2 events War Memorial Coliseum    Fort Wayne, IN
August 6 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	South Bend Region Grissom Aeroplex    Peru, IN
Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cincinnati Region      2 day, 2 events Traders World      Monroe, OH
October 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Wayne/ Indiana Northwest    2 day, 2 events Grissom Aeroplex    Peru, IN

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Rules will be posted on [www.gldsc.ca.com](http://www.gldsc.ca.com) under SOLO Series





Some great photos from the NEOHIO races at Nelson Ledges July 9-10 provided by Turn 13 Photo.



Our Divisional race carried the name "Big Dog's Last Bark" in memory of Bob Nick.

Bob was a driver, T&S Chief, and friend. Many family members were able to join us for dinner on Saturday night to share their memories.







Photos courtesy of Turn 13 Photo. Thank you!





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